RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

RESOLUTION # 97-10

PROCLAMATION FOR ROUNDY'S, INC.

- WHEREAS, Roundy's, Inc. is commemorating its 125th anniversary this year; and
- WHEREAS, the first Roundy's wholesale grocery warehouse was opened as Smith, Roundy and Company on February 1, 1872 by William A. Smith, Judson A. Roundy, and Sidney Hauxhurst in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Within seven years the wholesale grocery warehouse had grown to sixty employees within the store and twenty-five salesmen on the road covering Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa; and,
- WHEREAS, the company introduced its first private label item, salt, in 1922, quickly followed by other private label items; and,
- WHEREAS, in its 80th year, 1953, the company sold its assets to Roundy's Inc., a new corporation owned exclusively by hundreds of successful retail grocers; and,
- WHEREAS, Roundy's, Inc. Is the nations fifth largest food supplier with annual sales of \$2.58 billion. Roundy's, is comprised of ten divisions in five states throughout the midwest, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Roundy's employs a total of 5,170 people and serves twelve states and over 917 stores; and,
- WHEREAS, the Westville division was established in 1989 and employs approximately 364 workers and serves more than 140 stores in Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois; and,
- WHEREAS, as part of Roundy's corporate philosophy, the Westville division has been an outstanding corporate citizen and has contributed to many local charities and organizations over the years, including the Red Cross, Special Olympics, and sponsors an annual raffle to raise money for Christmas gifts for needy children.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved, the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim to honor and congratulate Roundy's Inc., for its 125 years as a wholesale grocery distributor in the midwest, and for 125 years Roundy's has demonstrated its concern for retailers, pride in its products, care for its employees, and commitment to the community.

All of which is resolved and proclaimed this 16th day of September, 1997.

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